



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

November 23, 1999

H.R. 1887

**An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the
depiction of animal cruelty**

As cleared by the Congress on November 19, 1999

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1887 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of H.R. 1887 could affect direct spending and receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the act.

H.R. 1887 would make it a federal crime to create, sell, or possess a depiction of animal cruelty with the intent that it be placed in interstate commerce. Because those prosecuted and convicted under the provisions of H.R. 1887 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. CBO expects that any additional receipts and direct spending would be negligible.

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